

REMARKS

This is a full and complete response to the Office action dated December 22, 2006.

All comments and remarks of record are herein incorporated by reference. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and all comments made in the Office action. Nevertheless, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants provide the following remarks regarding the cited references.

DISPOSITION OF CLAIMS

Claims 11-21, 29-40, and 48-56 are pending in the application.

PROVISIONAL NON-STATUTORY OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 11-21, 29-40, and 48-56 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-53 of US Patent No. 7,001,956. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

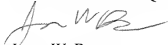
Applicants provide a terminal disclaimer herewith thereby obviating the obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Favorable action is solicited.

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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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